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Special Forest Products Program
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

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Background

The Special Forest Products (SFP) Program on the Eugene District includes certain vegetative material harvested from the forest, such as plants, seeds, cones, trees and tree parts, mosses, boughs, fruits and nuts, bark, roots, flowers and stems, mushrooms, edible plants, medicinal plants, floral greens, decorative woods, ornamentals plants and more. The SFP Program provides the public the opportunity to harvest this wide array of forest products to satisfy recreational, personal and commercial demands for these products.

The Special Forest Products Program on the Eugene District is important both to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and to the public it serves. The program provides the public with the opportunity to harvest SFP for recreation, personal use, or as a source of income. In addition, the program enables the BLM to more effectively manage and regulate the harvest of SFP, thus protecting forest resources and reducing environmental impacts.

Proposed Action

Under the SFP Program, contracts for sale of forest products would be offered and administered for harvesting a variety of SFP. The collection of any SFP on the Eugene District, with the exception of small "Reasonable Amounts" under 43 CFR 8365.1-5 (SFP Handbook 5400-2, p. V-1), requires a valid written permit. The collection of reasonable amounts of forest products is an unregulated recreational activity that is not addressed in this document.

The collection and permitting of SFP would be allowed in accordance with the restrictions on locations and times of the year described in the attached Eugene District Standards, Guidelines and Harvest Provisions for Special Forest Products (Appendix A). Prospective contracts and permits for collection would be reviewed to ensure compliance with all applicable guidelines and restrictions.

All contracts would include special provisions designed to protect other resource values such as special status or survey & manage plants, fungi, bryophytes, lichens and animal species. In addition, a map showing the location of the harvest area, as well as any sensitive areas restricted from harvest, will accompany each permit issued. The special provisions will include all

mandatory provisions listed in the Special Forest Products Procedure Series (BLM Manual Supplement Handbook 5400-2). Other provisions may also be included to meet permit-specific needs. A listing of harvest provisions for most commonly sold SFP on the Eugene District can be found in Appendix A of this document. Species not included in this document will receive a Specialists review to determine feasibility to harvest (See Appendix B). No permits will be issued for beargrass, lichens or moss.

Land Use Planning

This action is considered to be consistent with the *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994), the Survey and Manage Record of Decision (February 2001) and the Eugene District Record of Decision/Resource Management Plan (June 1995).

Decision

The proposed Special Forest Products Program would be implemented as herein described to provide for the harvest of a variety of SFP throughout the Eugene District.

Rationale

The proposed action qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 6, Appendix 5 C (2)). It provides policy and direction for the management and regulation of the harvest of SFP on the Eugene District. And at the same time it implements effective management for species, habitat, and ecosystem protection. The harvest of SFP serves the needs of the local community and its impacts are considered relatively low in intensity due to its widely distributed occurrence across the Eugene District area.

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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
Exception Criteria Review Checklist**

Proposed Action: Implement the sale of Special Forest Products through the issuance and administration of contracts for a variety of forest products on the Eugene District lands.

Review the proposed action against each of the 10 criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and **MUST** be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, flood plains, etc.)	None
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	No
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	No
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	No
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	No
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	None
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	No
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (flood plain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	No
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Native American law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	No
<p>Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE:</p> <p style="text-align:center">Mitigation measures are addressed in Appendix A of this document.</p>		

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EUGENE DISTRICT STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND HARVEST PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS:

Guidelines:

Unless otherwise noted for a specific product, the following definitions, restrictions, conditions, and guidelines apply to the harvest of all Special Forest Products (SFP) from lands on the Eugene District, Bureau of Land Management. *Any action outside these Standards and Guidelines require separate review for NEPA compliance.* The permitting of each product is subject to all other guidelines which apply, as described in the Eugene District Categorical Exclusion Review and the Special Forest Products Procedures Series Handbook (BLM Manual Supplement, Handbook 5400-2).

Harvest of SFP would be allowed with restrictions on species, location, time of year and harvest techniques as described in these standards and guidelines.

NEPA Compliance:

Each contract issued would include a map specific to a core area or a designated location showing the harvest area along with a signed copy of the special harvest provisions. Special harvest provisions for SFP products include the required provisions listed in the SFP Handbook (Handbook 5400-2) and any additional provisions specific to Eugene District SFP policy.

The Authorized Officer who issues a contract is required to ensure that the action is adequately covered by NEPA documentation. For species and harvest quantities not explicitly outlined in this document, any requests for products will go to Specialist(s) for review and appropriate clearances will be completed where needed (Appendix B).

Monitoring:

The SFP Manager(s) would be responsible for monitoring contract compliance. Monitoring would be carried out on a yearly basis where a subset of approximately 5 to 10 percent of contracts would be checked for NEPA compliance. The monitoring form listed in Appendix C would be filled out and filed with the Eugene District copy of the contract.

Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species:

Northern Spotted Owl: No activity utilizing mechanical equipment or tree climbing would be permitted if a biologist determines that the activity would adversely affect Northern spotted owls. Seasonal restrictions on activities using mechanical equipment or climbing would be implemented as necessary to prevent adverse effects to this species.

Marbled Murrelet: All known bald eagle nests and known winter roost sites would be buffered by 0.25 mile (0.5 mile line of site) and included in the areas restricted from special forest products harvest. Any future nests or winter roost areas would subsequently be buffered and included in the restricted areas as well. All proposed projects utilizing mechanical equipment or tree climbing would be analyzed by a wildlife biologist before a permit is issued. No activities would be allowed that would have an adverse affect on bald eagles. Seasonal restrictions on

activities using mechanical equipment or climbing would be implemented as necessary to prevent adverse effects to this species.

Bald Eagle: All known bald eagle nests and known winter roost sites would be buffered by 0.25 mile (0.5 mile line of site) and included in the areas restricted from special forest products harvest. Any future nests or winter roost areas would subsequently be buffered and included in the restricted areas as well. All proposed projects utilizing mechanical equipment or tree climbing would be analyzed by a wildlife biologist before a permit is issued. No activities would be allowed that would have an adverse effect on bald eagles. Seasonal restrictions on activities using mechanical equipment or climbing would be implemented as necessary to prevent adverse effects to this species.

Threatened and Endangered Fish Species:

The proposed action is in agreement with the description and terms and conditions for the Forest Product element in the Programmatic Biological Opinions for the Oregon Coastal Coho Salmon, Willamette Summer Steelhead, Willamette Spring Chinook and Willamette Bull Trout. While Oregon Chub is present within the Eugene District boundaries no population has been found in waters managed by the Eugene District. No further consultation is required for these species. The proposed action would have no effect on Essential Fish Habitat for Oregon Coastal Coho Salmon or the Willamette Spring Chinook.

Survey and Manage Species:

Restrictions on Special Forest Product permits due to Survey and Manage species identified in this document would change if the status and/or management requirements of these species are modified in the future. All existing Survey and Manage requirements would be met in the Special Forest Products program.

Mollusks: No restrictions would be necessary for Crater Lake tightcoil (*Pristiloma arcticum crateris*) as there would be no permits granted within riparian reserves that provide habitat for this species. Permits for transplant stock and/or roots within Linn and Lane Counties would not be issued within managed megomphix sites as long as these sites require management.

Red tree vole: No restrictions would be necessary for this species, as the activities within this CE would not be habitat disturbing for red tree vole.

Vascular Plants: Any SFP harvesting that involves digging or removal of entire plants would be restricted to areas that have had vascular plant surveys or would not be permitted until surveys were done. Known sites of Survey and Manage plants would be removed from areas available for harvest.

Lichens: As most of the Survey and Manage lichens are epiphytes, prohibiting moss and lichen harvest would provide protection to these species. Known sites would be removed from areas available for harvest of other special forest products.

Bryophytes (Moss and Liverworts): Prohibiting moss harvest provides protection for these species. As many of the S&M bryophytes are riparian associated species, protection is also provided for them by riparian reserve restrictions. Known sites would be removed from areas available for harvest for other special forest products.

Fungi: Limit collecting to common, commercial species. Known sites of S&M species may be withdrawn from areas available for harvest. Permits should not be given for Survey and Manage Species; however, a small amount of incidental harvest (white chanterelles collected along with golden chanterelles) is acceptable.

Special Status Plant Species:

Harvest of forest products that is ground disturbing would be limited to areas that have had surveys for special status plant species (vascular plants, lichens and bryophytes). Existing special status species sites would be restricted from harvest. As new sites are found they would be added to the GIS map showing restricted areas.

Botanically sensitive sites, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Research Natural Areas, Environmental Education Areas and Outstanding Natural Areas:

No contracts or permits for harvest of SFP would be issued in these special areas. Research projects may be exempted with proper documentation.

Recreation Sites:

No harvest of SFP is permitted within developed recreation sites.

Personal Use Collection Pursuant to 43 CFR 8365.1-5:

This section of the Code of Federal Regulations allows the collection of small “reasonable amounts” of beargrass, berries, boughs, cones, greenery, moss and mushrooms for personal use and the collection of firewood for campfire use on BLM lands without a contract or permit. Harvest of these reasonable amounts of products is allowed to occur on the Eugene District without restriction as to area, time or harvest method. This document does not address the collection of products as defined under 43 CFR 8365.1-5. Collection of less than the minimum quantity limitations shown in the product guidelines and special harvest provisions is covered under personal use collection.

GUIDELINES AND SPECIAL HARVEST PROVISIONS:

A set of Special Harvest Provisions has been developed for most of the commonly sold SFP on the Eugene District. These special provisions for each individual SFP will be made a part of the conditions of sale and attached to each contract or permit. Several standard provisions are common to each product sold and may include additional provisions specific to the individual product.

Standard Provisions common to each product:

- Purchaser agrees to hold the Government harmless from any claim for damage or loss of property, personal injury, or death.
- Under the following circumstances the Purchaser shall suspend all operations and notify the Authorized Officer of his findings:
 - Discovery by the Purchaser or others of any object or site of cultural value (over 100 years old) on the permit area.
 - Discovery by the Purchaser or others of any threatened or endangered plants or animals protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
 - Discovery by the Purchaser or others of any Federal Candidate, Sensitive, or State listed species protected under BLM manual 6840.
- Collection of special products is permitted only on BLM land in areas designated by the permit and/or map.
- Purchaser shall clean up all of his/her trash and litter in collection area. Purchaser will be advised that existing trash/debris may contain hazardous materials and to please notify the local BLM office.
- Drive only on existing roads and park so as not to block traffic. Comply with all road closures. Do not drive on unsurfaced roads during periods of wet weather.
- Comply with all State laws, fire prevention requirements, and fire closures.
- The Purchaser of the permit must be present during collection and transport of the product and must possess the original document with attachments. Copies of the permit are not valid.
- When a Purchaser/Permittee moves between collection sites or leaves a contract/permit area, forest product removal receipts (i.e., load tickets) must be completed, securely attached to the load and clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
- Failure to abide by the terms of this contract, and/or attachments made part of, may cause contract cancellation and result in a fine and/or the refusal of the issuance of future contracts for up to three years in accordance with the Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension Regulations found in 43 CFR 12.100 to 12.510. Failure to abide by the terms of this contract may also result in trespass damages.

I. BOUGHS:

Typical species are western red cedar and Douglas fir.

Conifer boughs are used by individuals and the floral industry for seasonal decorations such as garland and wreaths primarily during the Christmas season.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Boughs would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

The harvest season typically runs from late September through early December.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: 25 pounds

Maximum: 1,000 pounds

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Bough collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Branches and debris will be dispersed into timbered area and away from roads, shoulder of roads and ditches. Clean debris from road surface and ditches.
- Do not cut boughs from trees with PLUS TREE signs on them.
- Do not cut boughs from trees inside fenced areas, or from posted areas specifically prohibiting bough or Christmas tree cutting.
- Do not cut boughs from trees less than 15 feet tall.
- Cut boughs only from the bottom third of the tree.
- Boughs must be cut at least 12 " from the trunk, leaving green needles on the limb. This will allow new growth on the branch in the next growing season, rather than cutting the entire branch.
- Boughs will be cut using hand tools only (i.e., no chain saws).
- Climbing of trees is prohibited.
- No collection of boughs within 200 feet of streams or wet areas.
- For sales of evergreen boughs in Oregon that have both the Purchaser and individuals listed as their assistants or helpers on the contract, the Purchaser must comply with the requirements set forth in ORS 658.405 through 658.503 (Farm Labor Contractor laws). Contact Bureau of Labor and Industries for details.

II. BURLS:

The wood is used for woodcrafting in the manufacture of such items as clocks, tables and other decorative items.

Burls are found on either the bole (cluster burls) or on the stumps (stump burls) of trees. Stump burls can be quite large and are sought after for resale to veneer companies.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Burl harvest would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Burls are harvested year round.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: No minimum quantity.

Maximum: No limits have been set for burl collection. Burls are generally sold on an individual basis.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Burl collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- No Douglas-fir burls will be cut.
- No burls will be cut in posted timber sale areas.
- Trees from which burls are cut will not be cut down, girdled, or otherwise damaged. Any such damage will make the purchaser of the permit liable for trespass damages.
- Burls will be cut from trees that are not readily visible from the road.
- No collection of burls within 200 feet of streams or wet areas.

III. CASCARA BARK:

Cascara bark is peeled and used to make laxatives and tonics.

Cascara is found throughout the District. Removing the bark kills the tree but they will generally sprout new shoots. Harvest areas are rather limited since the majority of Cascara occurs within 200 feet of streams.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Cascara Bark harvest would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Bark is generally harvested in the spring and early summer when the sap is flowing.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: No minimum quantity.

Maximum: Generally permit quantities have been small due to the accessibility of the harvest site. No maximum limit has been set, however quantities larger than 500 pounds would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements specific to Cascara Bark collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Trees must be cut down leaving a 12" high stump. Peel stem and limbs down to a 1" diameter.
- Trees shall not be cut in reforestation plantations less than 10 years old. Damaging of coniferous trees is prohibited.
- Remove all collection debris from the road surface and ditches.
- Harvest no more than 50% of cascara trees in the area.

IV. CHRISTMAS TREES:

On the Eugene District Christmas trees are sold for personal use only.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Harvest is by permit only in specific areas that are well marked and signed.

Harvest Seasons

Christmas tree harvest season is mid-November through December 24.

Quantity Limitations

Permits are limited to a maximum of three Christmas trees per person per calendar year.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Christmas Tree cutting that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Christmas tree cutting is prohibited in the following additional areas:
 - Progeny test sites, both fenced and unfenced; and
 - Any area specifically posted to prohibit Christmas tree cutting.
- Maximum tree height is 12' cut so the resulting stump height is less than 6".
- No topping of large trees.
- Avoid any damage to other trees.
- Keep roads and ditches clear of debris.

V. CONES:

Cones are collected commercially for seed and harvested for ornamental purposes. Typical Species include western red cedar, Douglas fir, and western hemlock.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Cones would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

The harvest season typically runs from late August through early December

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: A minimum of 1 bushel of seed cones and 2 bushel of ornamental cones.
Maximum: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Cone collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Do not pick from trees with PLUS TREE signs unless specifically allowed in the permit.
- Do not pick in posted areas specifically prohibiting cone picking.

- Cutting of live branches or cutting the tree down is prohibited. Shooting cones or the branches to collect cones is prohibited.
- Using spurs to climb trees is prohibited.

VI. FUNGI:

Golden Chanterelle, winter chanterelle (yellow foot), and hedgehog, are the most commonly harvested terrestrial forest mushrooms on the Eugene District and are found mainly in younger Douglas fir forests.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Fungi would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Harvest is in cooler and moist fall, winter and spring months -- Typically September through March.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: Two gallons.

Maximum: A maximum of 500 pounds per permit.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Fungi collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- The Purchaser of the permit must be present during collection and transport of the product and must possess the original document with attachments. Copies of the permit are not valid.
- Do not disturb the soil, woody debris or surrounding vegetation. If accidental disturbance does occur return it back to its natural state.
- Mushrooms will be harvested by twisting or cutting at ground level.
- No raking, or using a leafblower in collecting mushrooms.
- Leave 50% of the fruiting bodies at all picking sites to produce spores for the next generation and to provide wildlife with this food source.
- No collection of mushrooms within 200 feet of streams or wet areas.

VII. GREENERY:

Used for floral arrangements or transplanting for landscaping. Common plants include salal, evergreen huckleberry, sword fern, and manzanita.

Salal is one of the more commonly sought after understory plants on the Eugene District. Its branches are pruned after the new growth has matured in the spring and it is usually sold and used for floral arrangements.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Greenery would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Can be harvested year round, but generally picked from mid July through April.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: 26 pounds.

Maximum: Maximum of 2,000 pounds per permit.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Greenery collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Use only hand tools for cutting greenery.
- No collecting from areas easily visible from the road.
- Plants shall not be dug up from the ground.
- Collecting shall be spread out between numerous plants not from just a few. Harvest no more than 50% of the greenery in an area.
- Remove all collection debris from the road surface and ditches.
- No collection of greenery within 200 feet of streams or wet areas.

VIII. ORNAMENTAL WOOD:

Typical species include red alder, bigleaf maple, vine maple, willow, and cherry. Used in the manufacture of Rustic furniture, Bow Staves, etc.

Also includes cut sticks, alternately referred to as puddle sticks, which are generally red alder or other hardwood species that measure less than 4 inches in diameter at the large end. Sticks are harvested pole length along and adjacent to roadways.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Cut Sticks would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

The harvest season is generally year round based largely on product demand and material availability.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: No minimum, permit required for all collection.

Maximum: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Ornamental Wood collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Ornamental vegetation shall not be larger than 2 inches at the large end or longer than 8 feet.
- Use only hand tools for cutting vegetation.
- Ornamentals shall not be dug up from the ground.
- Harvest no more than 50% of the vegetation in the area.
- No collection within 200 feet of streams or wet areas.

IX. PITCH:

Pitch is collected by boring holes in the base of fir trees to drain resin filled pockets formed between the grain of the wood. These holes are drilled at the base of the tree to allow the pitch to run out and are sealed with wooden plugs after collection. Pitch is generally collected for medicinal purposes

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Pitch would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Pitch is generally collected when the sap begins to run, typically April through mid July.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: No minimum, permit required for all collection.

Maximum: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to pitch collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Only hand tools shall be used for drilling holes to extract the product.

X. TRANSPLANT STOCK AND/OR ROOTS:

Includes various ground cover, shrubs, bushes, forbs, and tree species including roots for transplanting or medicinal purposes. Requests for transplants/root stock will receive a Specialists review to determine feasibility to harvest. Plant harvest would be encouraged within road right-of-ways and post timber harvest areas.

The following plants are restricted from harvest in order to comply with the Oregon Wildflower Law:

Members of the family *Liliaceae* (Lily family)

Members of the family *Orchidaceae* (Orchid family)

For a list of the plants and animals that are restricted from harvest (ie. Special Status Species and Special Attention Species) see: Table 1-1, *Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (June 2002)* and The Eugene District Special Status Species List.

In addition, all plants listed on the State of Oregon Noxious Weed List would be restricted from harvest except for blackberry fruit for consumption and the collection of rhododendron for personal use only and not for resale.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Transplants would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Season

They are harvested year round.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: No minimum, permit required for all collection.

Maximum: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to transplant collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- A Vermeer Digger is only allowed for commercial harvests on material greater than 4 feet in height, otherwise only hand tools are allowed.
- Hand tools are required on material removed on a personal use permit.
- Backfill all holes.
- Harvest no more than 50% of the material in an area.
- No harvesting of Pacific yew trees.
- Seedlings will not be removed from reforestation plantations.
- Rhododendrons are available only on new road construction, clear cuts and planned harvest areas.
- No digging of transplants within 200 feet of streams or wet areas.

XI. WOOD PRODUCTS CONVERTIBLE TO BOARD FEET:

Covers a variety of products including firewood, posts and poles, cedar shake bolts, etc.

Sawlogs and are not considered Special Forest Products under BLM Manual Supplement Handbook 5400-2, "Special Forest Products" and the sale of sawtimber is not addressed under this document.

Under Federal Regulation Section 43 CFR 8365.1-5(b) free collection of firewood (i.e. limbs, branched, woody debris, etc.) for campfire use is allowed on public lands.

Firewood

Firewood is woody material generated from harvest or stand improvement operations associated with timber harvest units, timber stand improvement areas and General Forest Management Areas. This material is not merchantable as sawtimber and as such is salvaged and sold as firewood.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Firewood would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Harvest season is year-round with the greatest demand in the fall and winter months.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: No minimum, permit required for all collection.

Maximum: Maximum quantity for personal use is six cords per household per year.

Quantities for commercial sales are determined by the Authorized Officer. All permits would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Firewood collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- All standing trees (live or dead) or windthrown trees not listed on the permit are reserved. Cutting or removal of such material shall constitute a timber trespass.
- A map is attached to the permit. Cutting must be done at the designated location.
- Do not damage surfaced roads. Keep debris out of streams, roads, and roadside ditches.
- Load tickets (1 ticket per load) must be securely attached to the back of the load and be clearly visible. Before leaving the cutting area, the load tickets must be validated as indicated on the back of the load ticket.
- Firewood cutting allowed only during daylight hours.
- Have this contract available for inspection by any Government official while cutting and hauling.
- Payment made for this permit is not refundable.
- When a Purchaser/Permittee moves between collection sites or leaves a contract/permit area, forest product removal receipts (i.e., load tickets) must be completed, securely attached to the load and clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.

Posts and Poles

On the Eugene District poles are sold on a per piece basis. Popular uses include fences, corrals, small sheds, tepee poles, and for resale. Poles can be any length and no more than 6 inches in diameter on the large end.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Posts and Poles would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, ONAs, special status species sites, survey and manage species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Harvest season is year-round depending on availability of product.

Quantity Limitations

Minimum: No minimum, permit required for all collection.

Maximum: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Poles are sold from designated areas and permits require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Special Provisions are written specific to harvest requirements at the time of sale and are written into and/or attached and made a part of the standard contract or permit.

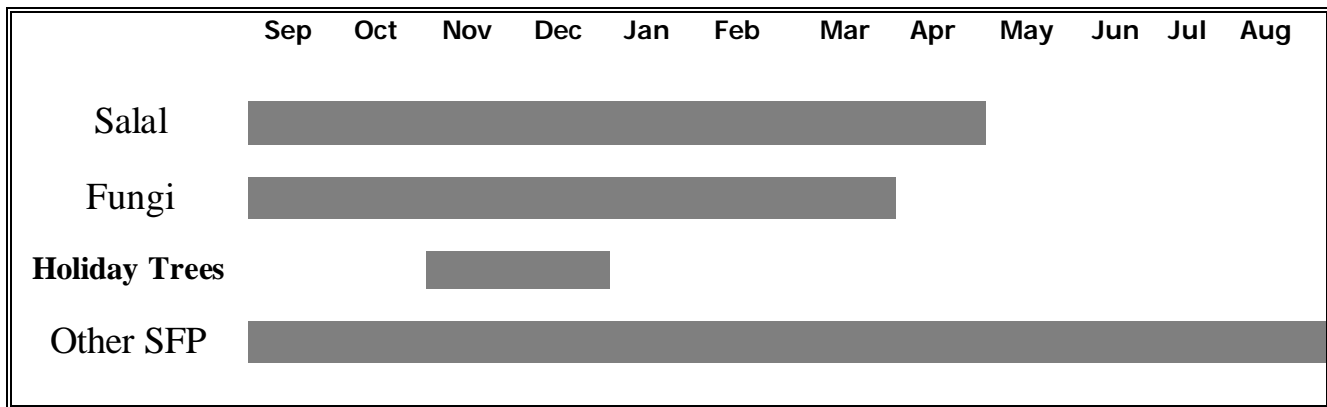
- Collection allowed only for downed pole size trees from PCT Areas as shown on the attached map. (6" diameter on large end and 8' long)
- All standing trees (live or dead) or windthrown trees not listed on the permit are reserved. Cutting or removal of such material shall constitute a timber trespass.
- Branches and debris will be dispersed into the timbered area, away from roads and ditches.
- Load tickets (1 ticket per load) must be securely attached to the back of the load and be clearly visible. Before leaving the cutting area, the load tickets must be validated as indicated on the back of the load ticket.
- Do not damage residual trees while harvesting poles.
- Have this contract available for inspection by any Government official while cutting and hauling.
- Payment made for this permit is not refundable.

XII. OTHER SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS:

As demand for other forest products become known, permits will be considered for these products and permits may be issued on District after consultation with area and/or District specialists and a determination is made that impacts not exceed those addressed in this document.

On the Eugene District, commonly sold SFP are permitted at the front desk on a walk-in basis one day a week, which has been Wednesdays. The following table reflects the approximate timing of SFP sales on the Eugene District:

Approximate Seasons for The Harvest of Special Forest Products on the Eugene District



Other SFP sales would be scheduled by arrangement between the perspective buyer and the forest products manager.

During times of high fire danger, as determined by the Eugene District, sales of forest products would be suspended until such time the danger is lifted.

EUGENE DISTRICT
NEPA Review and Clearance Document
Special Forest Products

Contract Number: _____

Product: _____ **Date:** _____

Location: T. _____ S., R. _____ W., Sec. _____ Will. Mer.

Complies with the following NEPA Documents:

Special Forest Products Categorical Exclusion (#CE-03-22)

Roadside Salvage Categorical Exclusion (#CE-99-25)

Road Right-of-Way Categorical Exclusion (#CE-99-28)

Other: _____

Specialist Input & Review:

DISCIPLINE	NAME	DATE	REVIEW REQUIRED (Y/N)	NOTES
Botany				
Hydrology				
Recreation				
Soil				
Wildlife				
Cultural				
Other				

Comments:

Attachment(s): (____)

Authorized Officer: _____ Date: _____

Eugene District SFP Monitoring Form

Contract #: _____

Contract Date: _____

Product sold: _____

NEPA Compliance: Eugene District Special Forest Products CE-03-22

Other: _____.

Monitoring Items	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Contract Inspection:		
The sustainability and protection of Special Forest Product resources is ensured prior to selling Special Forest Products.		
Special harvest provisions sheets have been included with this contract.		
Appropriate botany and/or wildlife consultation has been completed for ground disturbing activities.		
Noise restrictions have been met for special status species where harvest of Special Forest Products involved power tools, mechanized machinery or load noise.		
Contract issued complies with the Eugene District Resource Management Plan, aquatic conservation strategies and Special Forest Products Handbook.		
The harvesting of Special Forest Products within Late-Successional Reserves (LSR) is compatible with maintaining a functional LSR and old growth forest ecosystem.		
Field Inspection: (If completed, otherwise leave blank)		
Date of Inspection: ____ / ____ / ____		
Field inspection report was completed and included with permit.		
Harvest operations on contract area are considered in compliance with contract.		
Impacts from harvest and product sustainability on contract area are within limits.		
Additional Comments:		

Signature of the authorized officer below indicates that the contract issued falls under the Eugene District Special Forest Products CE-03-22 or other previously prepared NEPA documentation .

Authorized Officer: _____

Date: _____